



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

4

Complete If Known

Application Number	10/687,571
Filing Date	October 15, 2003
First Named Inventor	Mark G. Frei
Art Unit	2857
Examiner Name	TBD
Attorney Docket Number	011738.00150

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Document Number	Issue/Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
✓		US- 3522611	08/04/1970	Schwartz et al.	
		US- 3850181	11/26/1974	Saul Liss	
		US- 3863625	02/04/1975	Viglione et al.	
		US- 3887618	07/08/1976	Sidney A. Ross	
		US- 3983046	11/23/1976	Fernandez et al.	
		US- 4019518	04/26/1977	Maurer et al.	
		US- 4038536	07/26/1977	Paul L. Feintuch	
		US- 4265474	10/20/1981	Robert E. Fischell	
		US- 4373527	2/16/1983	Robert E. Fischell	
		US- 4417582	11/28/1983	John E. Roy	
		US- 4566464	01/28/1988	Pionne et al.	
		US- 4581758	04/08/1988	Coker et al.	
		US- 4610259	09/08/1988	Cohen et al.	
		US- 4702254	10/27/1987	Jacob Zabara	
		US- 4944299	07/31/1990	Sergiu Sulvian	
		US- 5311869 S, 113, 86 9	05/18/1992	Napchoiz et al.	
		US- 5269303	12/14/1993	Wernicke et al.	
		US- 5299569	04/05/1994	Wernicke et al.	
		US- 5311876	05/17/1994	Olsen et al.	
		US- 5335857	08/08/1994	Terry Jr. et al.	
		US- 6473839	10/24/2002	Fischell et al.	
		US- 6480743	11/12/2002	Krikpatrick et al.	
		US- 6560486	05/08/2003	Osofo et al.	
		US- 6591138	07/08/2003	Fischell et al.	
		US- 6597854	07/22/03	Pless et al.	
		US- 6847288	11/11/2003	Fischell et al.	
		US- 2002/0013814	01/31/2002	David L. Thompson	

Examiner Signature

Karen R. P.

Date Considered

11/13/06

¹EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 608. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ²Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ³See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ⁴Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.